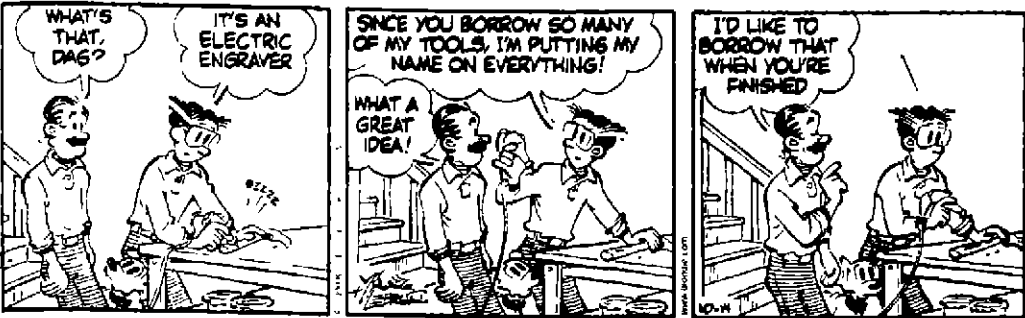
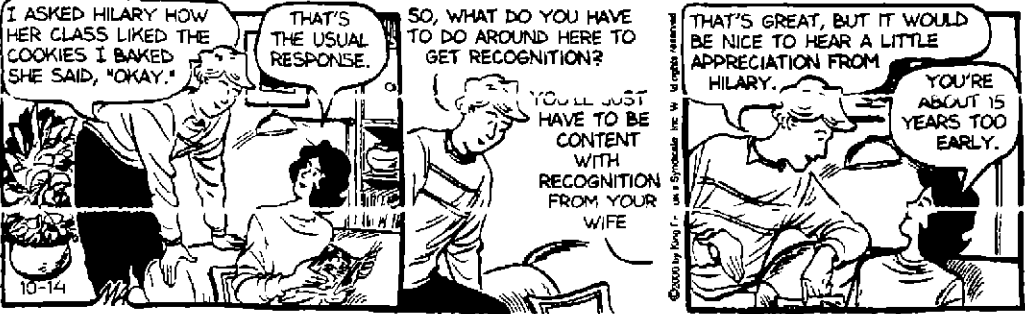


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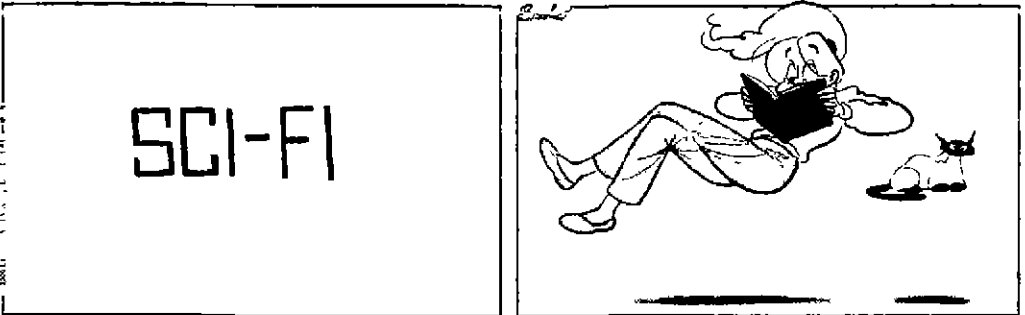
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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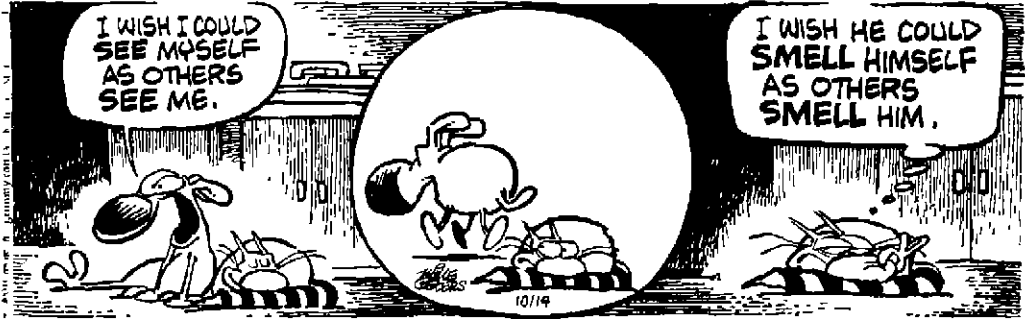
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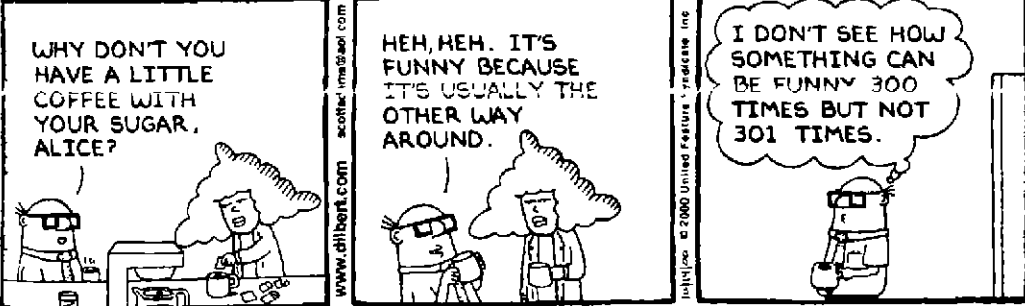
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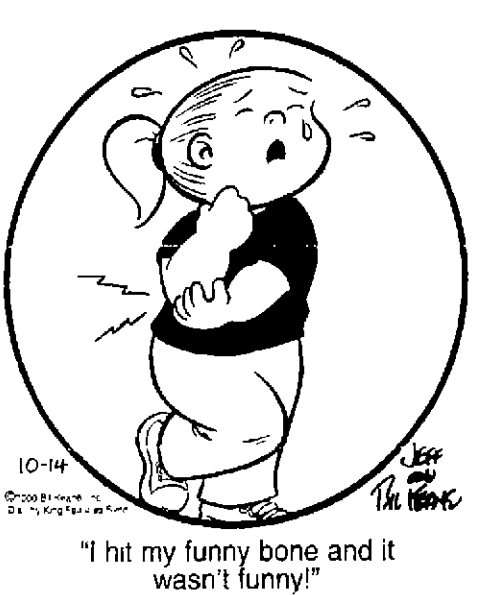
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former Surgeon General **C. Everett Koop** is 84. Actor **Roger Moore** is 73. Movie director **Carroll Ballard** is 63. Fashion designer **Ralph Lauren** is 61. Actor **Udo Kier** is 56. Singer-musician **Justin Hayward** (The Moody Blues) is 54. Actor **Harry Anderson** is 48. Actor **Greg Evigan** is 47. TV personality **Aileen Sorkin** is 44. Singer-musician **Thomas Dolby** is 42.

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PAR SCORE 165-175
by **JUDD**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring direct on a right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW** 10-14-20 ©2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

HONEY—

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Saturday's unlisted clue hint: **EARTH'S SATELLITE**

Badger	Buns	Creep	Mustard
Bear	Butter	Dew	Production
Bee	Colored	Locust	Suckle
Bunch	Comb	Mosquito	

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Oct. 15, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You are uncharacteristically patient and steadfast.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial gain, business promotion and romantic action could come your way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Conflicts swirl all around you. Lie low and wait for storms to pass.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Everyone's itching to talk to you, and you're happy to oblige.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Use your abundant charm and unquestionable authority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Attention to detail is vital; it's time to sweat the small stuff.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Jealousy might be a big factor today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Curb your headstrong tendencies — compromise is important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid the temptation to let enticing daydreams lead you astray.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Life is an all-you-can-eat buffet, and you're first in line!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Boredom looms large. The cure? Wallow in nostalgia.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's a good time for love letters.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West's heart jack went to South's king, and South couldn't wait to run dummy's diamonds. He chances for an overtrick or two might increase by forcing discards from the defenders.

South cashed his diamond ace and jack and crossed to dummy's queen to run the suit. East comfortably discarded two clubs and two hearts while West slyly discarded a low club. What about South's discards? On the fourth diamond he discarded a club, but what to discard on dummy's last diamond? He chose to discard a low spade. When South's club jack lost to West's king, the spade suit held West's last hope to beat the game. Bravely, he led a low spade to East's king, and the spade return gave the defenders four spade winners for one down. After South cashes his diamond ace and leads his jack, he should overtake in dummy when West follows suit. This loses nothing if the suit splits, but it gains a crucial dummy entry when diamonds are 4-1. (Later, declarer picks up the suit by finessing.) Relieved of the need to discard on dummy's diamonds, South can try the club finesse. It loses as before, but South's spade stopper remains intact, giving him time to win nine tricks.

NORTH 10-14
♠ 8 6
♥ 8 7 6
♦ K Q 9 6 5
♣ 9 5 2

WEST EAST
♠ A J 7 2 ♠ K 5 4
♥ 3 10 ♥ Q 9 3 4 3 2
♦ 10 8 4 2 ♦ 3
♣ K 10 4 ♣ 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 3
♥ A K
♦ A J 7
♣ A Q J 6

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT All pass
* 21-22 HCP

Opening lead Heart jack

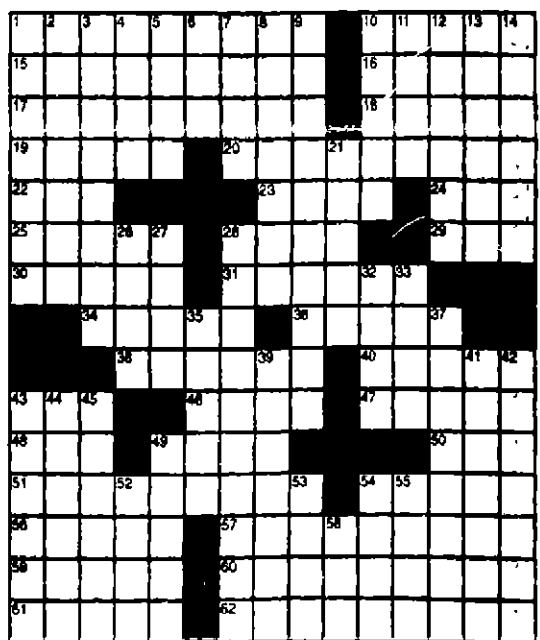
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0902

- ACROSS**
- 1 Belt holder
10 Pundit
15 Club delivery
16 Built-up
17 Strain
18 ___ Club
19 1971 Donald Sutherland film
20 Place for cookies or popcorn
22 Literary monogram
23 Midwest titles
24 Country place?
25 Let off the hook?
28 "The X-Files" extra
- 29 Bag
30 Imitation
31 Curb
34 Break
36 Cager
38 Marsh greenery
40 Lacking
43 Old Indian dominion
46 Lost
47 Support person
48 Map abbr.
49 Semicircular moldings at column bases
50 Seeds
51 Haphazard
54 Containing element #76
- 56 Jamaican cultist
57 Different
59 Maker of the game Asteroids
60 Capital whose name means "Red Hero"
61 Stud
62 Terms
- DOWN**
- 1 Opposite of "make clear"
2 Rush-hour traffic facilitator
3 Beat
4 Wrong
5 Delight
6 Bme-cured delicacy
7 Gets on
8 Family tree entry
9 Compared to
10 Stews
11 Court instrument
12 Steps in midcount
13 Type B response
14 Consonant
21 Showy tropical plant
26 Gabor and Perón
27 Part of a code

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

BRUSHEDUP MACAW
RUPPARENA ADOBE
ANTIGENIC TENON
ITON STERE TUT
DONALD SOY OTT
LIEABEDS UFO
LASTMINUTE GRAB
UNCAP TNT PIECE
SNAP LIKEMINDED
TEM LABORING
AMP ITT AGEISM
FEE ECOLI ROPE
TARTS TURNAWAY
ERECT INOCULATE
RADIO CANOPENER



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- 28 Social
32 "___ Boy" ("Tommy" song)
33 Royal Crown product
35 Kind of drive
37 Lot, e.g.
39 New Testament writing
41 One making alterations
42 Shipping inquiries
- 43 Flag-waving
44 Chase an ace
45 Throwaways
49 Groom
52 Another, overseas
53 Not-to-be-believed
54 Eyes
55 Smack
58 Chemical ending

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